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Excise Officers Cite 2 Bars, Issue 23 Tickets in Gary

GARY, Ind. (Sept. 28) – Indiana State Excise Police officers cited two bars and issued 23 tickets in Gary last night.

Voodoo Lounge, 5060 Broadway, was cited on preliminary charges of employing an unlicensed server, failing to maintain records of employee permits, allowing a minor to loiter and allowing self service of alcoholic beverages.

Leona's Paradise Lounge, 5034 Broadway, was cited on preliminary charges of employing an unlicensed server, failing to maintain records of employee permits, allowing a minor to loiter and allowing self service of alcoholic beverages.

Excise officers cited or arrested 20 people on 23 charges, including:

- 7 – Open container violations
- 5 – Seat belt violations
- 4 – Driving while suspended
- 3 – Operating while consuming alcohol
- 1 – Illegal possession or consumption of alcohol
- 1 – Minor entering a tavern or liquor store
- 1 – Furnishing alcohol to a minor
- 1 – Littering

Excise officers also issued four warnings for traffic violations.

As the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, the primary mission of the Indiana State Excise Police is to promote public safety by enforcing Indiana's Alcoholic Beverage Code. While excise officers have the authority to enforce any state law, they focus primarily on alcohol, tobacco and related laws.

All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

All respondents are to be presumed not liable until, and unless the plaintiff can prove by preponderance of the evidence the respondent's liability in an administrative hearing.